

Agricultural Chemical Usage

Postharvest Applications – Peanuts Summary

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After harvest, the Federal State Inspection Service inspects the peanuts before they are moved into storage facilities or onto peanut shellers and processors. Peanut butter accounts for the largest share of all products made from peanuts. Other products include peanut snacks, peanut candy, and in-shell peanuts. Peanuts are usually marketed through local warehouses or processors. The diagram below shows the traditional postharvest marketing channels for peanuts.

The State of origin of the peanuts was not part of the survey. Operations included in the 2005 Peanut Postharvest Survey were operations that handle greater than thirty pounds of peanuts annually.

Peanuts moving from a warehouse operation to a processing operation will be duplicated in the total amount handled. The intent of this survey was to obtain the entire amount of chemicals applied to the stored peanuts; therefore, this duplication in quantity handled is necessary.

In addition to chemical applications, peanut storage facility operators were also asked a series of questions concerning their pest management practices.

Peanuts: Uses and Products

